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The Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman 410 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510-6175

The Honorable Tom Carper, Ranking Member 456 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg Washington, DC 20510-6175

On behalf of cattlemen and women, the undersigned organizations strongly support the nomination of Oklahoma Attorney General (AG) Scott Pruitt for Administrator of the United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In the United States, the cattle industry represents the largest segment of agriculture and cattle farmers and ranchers represent the largest land owner group. We are pleased to see General Pruitt as the nominee for EPA Administrator.

General Pruitt will bring a science based, common sense approach to the strategies and objectives of the EPA. Mr. Pruitt understands the importance of sound win-win policy that will translate into EPA strategies that work to protect the environment while improving America's agriculture productivity. He knows firsthand that farmers and ranchers are the original stewards of the environment with an unparalleled commitment to responsible natural resource management that yields multi-generational improvement. Simply put, Mr. Pruitt sees clearly that agriculture and environment are not opposing terms but rather are complementary. He will work to cultivate that relationship which will lead to the United States leading in food and fiber production while improving the environment in which it is accomplished.

We encourage your support for Attorney General Scott Pruitt and we look forward to working with him as a partner for shared strategies and solutions that benefit the environment and agriculture productivity.

Sincerely,

Alabama Cattlemen's Association Arizona Cattle Feeders Association Arizona Cattle Growers' Association Arkansas Cattlemen's Association California Cattlemen's Association Colorado Cattlemen's Association Colorado Livestock Association Florida Cattlemen's Association Georgia Cattlemen's Association Hawaii Cattlemen's Association Illinois Beef Association Iowa Cattlemen's Association Indiana Beef Association Kansas Livestock Association Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Michigan Cattlemen's Association Mississippi Cattlemen's Association Missouri Cattlemen's Association Montana Stockgrower's Association

Nebraska Cattlemen Nevada Cattlemen's Association New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. New York Beef Producer's Association North Carolina Cattlemen's Association North Dakota Stockman's Association Ohio Cattlemen's Association Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Oregon Cattlemen's Association Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association South Carolina Cattlemen's Association South Dakota Cattlemen's Association Tennessee Cattlemen's Association Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Texas Cattle Feeders Association Virginia Cattlemen's Association Wyoming Stock Growers Association